

(50) The United States in Congress

The Memorial of John Blunt in the County of Lincoln and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully represents, that your memorialist was a first Lieutenant in the Seventh Continental Regiment, commanded by Colonel Daniel Hitchcock in the year 1776 and served in that rank until the 22^d day of August 1776 when your memorialist received a Warrant from Major General Sullivan to raise a party of men out of the several Regiments in his division, to act as a Company of Light Troops, which party your memorialist commanded and reconnoitered the Enemy's Lines, until the morning of the 27th of the same month, when he was reinforced with two Subdivisions, and ordered to take an important Post in the Battle, with said reinforcements which made ^a large Command for a Company and it being the fortune of your Memorialist to be posted in a very heavy part of the Action that day he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Enemy and detained a prisoner of War till the 9th day of May 1778 when he was exchanged at Elizabeth Town and discharged from his long Confinement, happy day when your Memorialist could have it in his power once more to employ his feeble Services in the cause of his Native Country, which he considered highly worthy his most strenuous exertions - your memorialist cheerfully and immediately joined the Army as a Volunteer and was with General Sullivan in the expedition at Red Bank, - after which he immediately repaired to Head Quarters with a recommendation from the

Council of the State of Massachusetts in order to obtain an appointment in the Army Equal to his services.

But at that time, there was no vacancy in the Massachusetts line which your memorialist could accept with honour to him self and others - and the Army just repairing to winter quarters - your memorialist took leave of his friends in the Army in order to visit his Family at the Eastward, and recover if possible his poor State of health which was very much impaired by the fatigues of the summer Campaign.

But on his way home he was taken sick, and was at great Expence, for Doctors. Having got all which he said & discharged himself and proceeded home, but remained in an ill State of health till the fore part

of the great Snow, which prevented his return, to head-quarters agreeable to his intentions when he left the Army. - In the fore part of June 1779

a Party of the Enemy took post at Penobscott, near the place where your memorialist lives - which called for his exertions in the Eastern Department, which prevented his return to head-quarters, and on the 28 of June 1779 he engaged and entered into the service of the State of Massachusetts, and from that time he has no claim

or demand on the United States as in their actual service. - But your memorialist claims, and expects

he has a just right and title to the Rank, pay and Gratifications of a Captain in the Continental Army, from the 27th of August 1776, to the 28 of June 1779 -

all which your memorialist humbly submits to the Candour and integrity of your honorable Body.

Assuring himself that your honours will take his
Case, into your mind and Fatherly Consideration, and
make such provision for the relief of an unfortunate
and wounded officer, in such easy & manner, as your
honors in your Wisdom shall judge best to release
the peculiar Circumstances of your Memorialist, ~~and~~
and enable him to make a final Settlement of his
accounts with the United States, - and he as in duty
bound shall ever pray.

John Blunt

N.B. while a Prisoner and with the Army.

I draw and receive Supplies of money and
other Effects, in part of my wages, all which
am willing to account for on a final Settlement

Capt. John Blunt

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